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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Olga Hernandez	2144

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 December 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 4-14 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-3 and 15-23 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 4,5 and 12 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 6-11,13 and 14 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) 1-23 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 29 January 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>42604</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4, 5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones (6,415,207).

As per claim 4, Jones teaches a database for storing a plurality of customer records (column 1, lines 28-32); a computer processor for accessing the database (figure 2), the computer processor *adapted to receive inspection data regarding the status of a monitored vehicle* (column 1, lines 32-46) and to store the received inspection data in a customer record associated with the monitored vehicle (column 3); and means for receiving electronic requests to access the inspection data for the monitored vehicle from the customer records in the database (figure 2). Jones does not teach the vehicle being a marine vessel. However, it would have been obvious to one skill in the art to implement Jones' invention to any kind of vehicle in order to communicate the status information from the database based on the caller identification information.

As per claims 5 and 11, Jones teaches other types of information pertaining to the status of the vehicle in column 5, lines 14-16, which is considered to be functional equivalent to the exterior and/or interior of a vehicle

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones (6,415,207) in view of Barnet et al (5,467,643).

Jones does not teach indicating the status of the bilge pump. However, Barnett teaches it in the abstract. Thus, it would have been obvious to one skill in the art to combine Jones's invention with Barnett's bilge pump indication in order to provide timely detection and notification of cooling system impairment, to allow a vessel operator to take corrective action against marine engine overheating due to cooling system impairment before engine damage or failure occurs.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-11, 13 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olga Hernandez whose telephone number is 571-272-7144. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 7:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Cuchlinski can be reached on 571-272-3925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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